

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending after this amendment. Claims 1, 9 and 10 are in independent form.

Allowable Claim 9 has been amended to recite all the limitations of its parent Claims 2 and 8.

Claims 1-4, 7, 8 and 10 have been amended to further distinguish the invention from the prior art.

The Specification has been amended to provide semantic support for the amended claims, and to make better use of standard electrical equipment terminology. The added wording describes only structures previously disclosed and illustrated, and does not introduce any new matter. For instance, “electrical junction box” has been replaced by “electrical connection box,” and further defined and limited to “a standard light fixture connection box such as those installed in a ceiling or wall.”

The general term “standard household connecting insert” has been used to refer to the lightbulb base and to the prongs of an electrical plug illustrated in Figures 1 and 3.

The more specific and standard terminology “lightbulb base” has been used instead of “end.”

One end portion of the adapter has been described as mimicking such a lightbulb base as already illustrated in Figure 1. Similarly, the opposite end portion is said to mimic a wall or ceiling light fixture connection box as clearly disclosed in the original text.

Drawing

The un-illustrated features that were recited in original Claim 3 have been deleted.

The reciting of “lightbulb base” in amended Claim 2 is deemed sufficient to cover both screw and bayonet types of bases and sockets, one being an obvious substitute for the other. Applicant submits that the objection to the drawing has been overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The rejection for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112 is believed overcome by the amendment of Claims 2 and 3 which restrict the invention to two distinct and fully-disclosed types of “second end portion” terminals.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Nowhere in the cited prior art can be found an adapter having “an end portion sized and shaped to mimic the interface of a wall or ceiling light fixture connection box” as now recited in Claims 1-8. The rejection for lack of novelty is no longer applicable.

The Examiner appears to have misconstrued Claim 10. The method of repositioning the adapter in consideration of the final position of the fixture after the lightbulb base type of end portion has been screwed all the way into a light socket is not to be found in the prior art. The rejection for lack of novelty is inappropriate.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

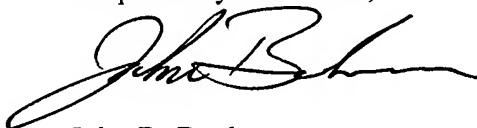
While adapters have been provided to plug devices other than lightbulbs into standard lightbulb sockets, nowhere in the prior art has it been disclosed or even suggested that an appliance or fixture intended to be wired and secured to a standard light fixture connection box installed into

ceiling or wall could be conveniently plugged, instead, in a lightbulb socket or standard electrical outlet as provided by the invention. The universality, versatility, simplicity, time-saving and convenience of the invention are manifestly considerable, as well as unexpected from any other prior device.

The claimed invention truly rises above the ordinary level of skill of electrical appliance designers; and, therefore, is worthy of a patent.

In view of the above, an early allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,




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